

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 2,
insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6,
insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE RELATED ART--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 1,
insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Cancel the paragraphs beginning at page 2, line 4 and
page 2, line 5.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 7, as
follows:

--Because in the device ~~as claimed in~~ of the invention
the expansion clamping part which causes clamping by a frictional
connection between the telescoping tubes is acted up from the two
sides by one cone each (expansion bodies), the clamping action is
greatly improved.--

Before the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 17,
insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Before the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4,
insert the following heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT--.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, as follows:

--A simplified embodiment of the clamping device 1 ~~as claimed in the invention~~ is also considered in which its the end of the tube 3 ~~is~~ on which there is the clamping device 1 the expansion body 17 which is provided is not movable, but stationary (Figure 4). For example, the expansion body 17 is made integral with the threaded part 7 which is fixed in the tube 3 or is simply screwed down on the threaded rod 11 which has only one threaded section in this embodiment. In this embodiment, by rotary motion of the tubes 3 and 5 against one another axial motion of the second expansion cone 19 also arises so that the expansion bodies 17 and 19 engage the clamping part 21 from the two sides and radially widen it, as in the embodiment explained above using Figures 1 to 3.--

Rewrite the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 3, as follows:

--All components of the clamping device 1 ~~as claimed in the invention~~ can be made of plastic, for the expansion bodies 17 and 19 a plastic being preferred which has relatively great friction on the inside surface of the tube (generally a metal tube).--